

BOEM determines the delay was caused by events beyond the provisionally winning bidder's control.

If the provisionally winning bidder does not meet these requirements or otherwise fails to comply with applicable regulations or the terms of the FSN, BOEM reserves the right not to issue the lease to that bidder. In such a case, the provisionally winning bidder will forfeit its bid deposit. In such an event, BOEM reserves the right to identify the next highest bid submitted during the lease sale and offer the lease pursuant to that bid.

Within 45 calendar days of the date that the provisionally winning bidder receives copies of the lease, it must pay the first year's rent using the *pay.gov* Renewable Energy Initial Rental Payment form available at: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/27797604/>. Subsequent annual rent payments must be made following the detailed instructions contained in the "Instructions for Making Electronic Payments," available on BOEM's Web site at: <http://www.boem.gov/North-Carolina/>.

**Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension Regulations:** Pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR part 42, subpart C, an OCS renewable energy lessee must comply with the Department of the Interior's non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations at 2 CFR 180 and 1400. The lessee must also communicate this requirement to persons with whom the lessee does business relating to this lease, by including this term as a condition in their contracts and other transactions.

**Force Majeure:** The Program Manager of BOEM's Office of Renewable Energy Programs has the discretion to change any auction details specified in the FSN, including the date and time, in case of a *force majeure* event that the Program Manager deems may interfere with a fair and proper lease sale process. Such events may include, but are not limited to: natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, blizzards), wars, riots, acts of terrorism, fire, strikes, civil disorder or other events of a similar nature. In case of such events, BOEM will notify all qualified bidders via email or phone, or through the BOEM Web site at: <http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/index.aspx>. Bidders should call 703-787-1320 if they have concerns.

**Appeals:** The appeals procedures are provided in BOEM's regulations at 30 CFR 585.225 and 585.118(c). Pursuant to 30 CFR 585.225:

(a) If BOEM rejects your bid, BOEM will provide a written statement of the reasons and refund any money

deposited with your bid, without interest.

(b) You will then be able to ask the BOEM Director for reconsideration, in writing, within 15 business days of bid rejection, under 30 CFR 585.118(c)(1). We will send you a written response either affirming or reversing the rejection.

The procedures for appealing final decisions with respect to lease sales are described in 30 CFR 585.118(c).

**Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information:** BOEM will protect privileged or confidential information that you submit, as required by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Exemption 4 of FOIA applies to "trade secrets and commercial or financial information that you submit that is privileged or confidential." 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). If you wish to protect the confidentiality of such information, clearly mark it "Contains Privileged or Confidential Information" and consider submitting such information as a separate attachment. BOEM will not disclose such information, except as required by FOIA. Information that is not labeled as privileged or confidential will be regarded by BOEM as suitable for public release. Further, BOEM will not treat as confidential aggregate summaries of otherwise confidential information.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

**Walter D. Cruickshank,**  
*Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Proposed New Collection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation has forwarded the following Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Collection and Compilation of Water Pipeline Field Performance Data (OMB Control Number 1006-XXXX). The Information Collection Request describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost burden.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection request, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comment must be received on or before February 17, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, via facsimile to (202) 395-5806, or email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). A copy of your comments should also be directed to Dr. Lee Sears, Materials and Corrosion Laboratory, 86-68540, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225; or via email to [lsears@usbr.gov](mailto:lsears@usbr.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number: 1006-XXXX in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lee Sears at 303-445-2392. You may also view the Information Collection Request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has obtained the services of an outside entity to survey water utilities and collect data on water pipeline performance. The information being collected is required to comply with a request from Congress for Reclamation to assemble data on pipeline reliability for specific types of pipes.

From 2013 through 2015, Reclamation worked with Water Research Foundation and Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle) on a draft information collection request (ICR) to collect high-quality field performance data on pipeline reliability for water pipelines of different material and vintage. A **Federal Register** notice announcing the availability of this draft collection of this information was initiated on February 26, 2014 (79 FR 10842), offering the public a 60-day public comment period. A summary of comments received during the 60-day comment period, disposition of comments, and revised draft information collection were published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2014 (79 FR 59291) and the public comment period was reopened for another 30 days. In response to the public's request for additional time to comment, a third notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2014 (79 FR 64622), extending the comment period another 30 days. In total, the public was provided 120 days to comment on the draft ICR. Also at the

public's request, all draft supporting documents were made available to the public for consideration. The contract between Reclamation and its partners was terminated in July 2015 before the ICR could be finalized.

Reclamation signed an agreement in November 2015 with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) to develop a new ICR to collect buried water pipe performance data. The notice announcing the new draft ICR was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2016 (81 FR 45533) to start the 60-day public comment period. The public comment period for this ICR ended on September 12, 2016. Information gathered from Reclamation's earlier attempt to develop an ICR to collect pipeline reliability data was incorporated into this current ICR.

## II. Summary of Proposed Changes, Comments and Responses

Comments on this ICR were received from two entities. Responses to the public comments are addressed in Supporting Statement A of this ICR and are available for public review at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Copies of the comments have also been uploaded at this same web address.

## III. Data

*Title:* Collection and Compilation of Water Pipeline Field Performance Data.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1006-XXXX.  
*Description of respondents:* Water utility and Federal facility pipe data managers.

*Frequency:* One-time collection.  
*Estimated completion time:* 10 minutes (making participation decision), 30 minutes (introductory webinar); and 110 minutes (uploading data). The total estimated time is 150 minutes for each respondent.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 500 (making participation decision).

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total of Annual Responses:* 250.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents:* 83 hours (making participation decision); 126 hours (introductory webinar); and 459 hours (uploading data), for a combined total of 668 hours.

## IV. Request for Comments

We invite your comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) the accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Reclamation will display a valid OMB control number on the survey.

## V. Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

**Richard W. LaFond,**  
*Chief, Civil Engineering Services Division,  
Bureau of Reclamation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Claim for Reimbursement of Benefit Payments and Claims Expense Under the War Hazards Compensation Act

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Claim for Reimbursement of Benefit Payments and Claims Expense Under the War Hazards Compensation Act," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before February 17, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201609-1240-003](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201609-1240-003) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OWCP, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Claim for Reimbursement of Benefit Payments and Claims Expense Under the War Hazards Compensation Act (WHCA), Form CA-278, information collection. The OWCP is responsible for administering the WHCA (42 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*). WHCA section 104(a) (42 U.S.C. 1704(a)) provides that an insurance carrier or self-insured who has paid workers' compensation benefits to or on account of any person for a war-risk hazard may seek reimbursement for benefits paid (plus expenses) out of the Federal Employees' Compensation Fund. *See also* 5 U.S.C. 8147. Insurance carriers and the self-insured file a Form CA-278 to request reimbursement. Regulations implementing the WHCA permit the OWCP to collect the information needed to consider the reimbursement request of an insurance carrier or self-insured. *See* 20 CFR 61.101 and 61.104. This